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REMARKS

Specification

Applicants note the Examiner's request to correct errors they may become aware of regarding the specification, and will gladly comply with this request. At this point, Applicants have not become aware of any errors in the specification.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 66-127 are pending in the current application. The Examiner has rejected all of these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,698,021 to Amini et al. ("Amini").

Applicants do not understand the Examiner's reasoning for stating, on page two of the office action, that the prior art date of the Amini reference is determined under the version of § 102(e) that existed prior to the amendment of that section by AIPA. According to the face of the Amini patent, and its specification, that patent did not result from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Thus, Applicants believe that the prior art date of Amini should be determined under the amended version of § 102(e), specifically, § 102(e)(2). However, Applicants believe that the prior art date of Amini remains the same (i.e., October 12, 1999), regardless of the version of § 102(e) applied. Thus, Applicants merely request clarification by the Examiner and proceed to respond to the substance of the office action.

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Amini does not anticipate Applicants' independent claim 66 for a number of reasons. Among other things, claim 66 requires that at least one interface be provided to at least one network user, the interface for generating variable speed camera control commands. The Examiner cited to col. 7, lines 50-63 of Amini as disclosing this limitation. However, this section of Amini does not disclose that any *variable speed* camera control commands are generated, by an interface provided to at least one network user, or otherwise. Rather, this section of Amini discloses an application (ViewControl, element 620) that generates camera control commands, *see* col. 7, lines 53-55, and camera control command codes, *see* col. 7, lines 56-59, and another application (CameraControl, element 520) that receives the commands, interprets the codes, and forwards a binary-coded camera control command string to the camera, *see* col. 7, lines 59-63. No mention is made that these camera control commands are *variable speed* camera control commands, as required by Applicants' independent claim 66. Indeed, the phrase "variable speed" does not appear anywhere within the text of Amini.

In addition, Applicants' independent claim 66 further requires, among other things, that the variable speed camera control commands be provided to the camera. However, as described above, Amini fails to disclose the generation of variable speed camera control commands. Thus, Amini cannot disclose providing such commands to a camera. Regardless of this fact, the Examiner cites to col. 8, lines 64-68 as disclosing providing variable speed camera control commands to a camera. The cited text *cannot* disclose this element, for the reason just given; further, the cited text *does not* disclose this element, or anything similar to it. Rather, the cited text discloses a configuration file that enables

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control of the retrieval of captured image data from a particular camera, *see* col. 8, lines 59-64.

Thus, Amini does not disclose at least one user interface that is provided to at least one network user, the interface for generating variable speed camera control commands, and Amini further does not disclose providing the variable speed camera control commands to the at least one camera. Therefore, for these reasons among others, Amini fails to anticipate Applicants' independent claim 66.

Applicants' independent claims 78, 85, 92, 101, 111, and 119 all contain the same or similar limitation(s) as claim 66 regarding variable speed camera control commands. Thus, for the reasons stated above with regards to Applicants' independent claim 66, independent claims 78, 85, 92, 101, 111, and 119 are also not anticipated by Amini. Further, as Applicants' dependent claims 67-77, 79-84, 86-91, 93-100, 102-110, 112-118, and 120-127 depend from non-anticipated independent claims 66, 78, 85, 92, 101, 111, and 119, respectively, these dependent claims are themselves not anticipated by Amini.

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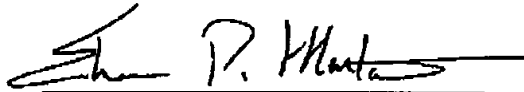
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe this Response to be fully responsive to the present Office Action. Thus, based on the foregoing Remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants requests allowance of the application.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the Applicants' undersigned Attorney if any issues are deemed to remain prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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